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October – December Milk Production

North Dakota

Milk production for the January – March 2010 quarter totaled 94.0 million pounds, down 4 percent from 98 million pounds during the same period a year earlier, according to the USDA, National Agricultural Statistics Service, North Dakota Field Office. Average number of milk cows during the current quarter, at 21,000 head, was equal to the previous quarter of October – December 2009 but down 4,000 head from the January – March 2009 quarter. Milk produced per cow during the January – March quarter was 4,480 pounds, up from 4,420 pounds the previous quarter and 3,920 pounds during the same period last year.

United States

Milk production in the U.S. during the January - March quarter totaled 47.3 billion pounds, down 0.1 percent from the January - March quarter last year. The average number of milk cows in the U.S. during the quarter was 9.09 million head, 206,000 head less than the same period last year. Production per cow during the January – March quarter averaged 5,208 pounds, up from 5,097 during the same period a year ago.

Milk Cows and Production: Selected States and United States
January - March, 2009-2010

State	Jan-Mar Milk Cows ¹		Jan-Mar Milk Production ²		
	2009	2010	2009	2010	Change From 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>
North Dakota	25	21	98	94	-4.1
California	1,826	1,759	10,097	9,940	-1.6
Minnesota	468	470	2,216	2,280	2.9
New York	623	610	3,060	3,050	-0.3
Wisconsin	1,255	1,260	6,057	6,401	5.7
United States	9,295	9,089	47,374	47,331	-0.1

¹ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh. ² Excludes milk sucked by calves.